

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract in its entirety with the following substitute abstract:

A process is provided for producing a foamed article of a thermoplastic resin composition having a relatively thicker solid skin layer exhibiting better appearance without occurrence of a swirl mark and having a foam structure of relatively uniform foam cell size with better foam cell configuration, which is light-weighting and superior in stiffness, in an easy and efficient manner, by causing the resin composition to foam up in a cavity of a mold.